

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022 ~ Liturgical Year C

Mass Intentions

† January 24, 2022 to January 30, 2022

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday ~ St. Francis de Sales ~ January 24th

8:00 am +Francesco & Palma Cosentini (by Marguerite)
+Anna DiMarco (by Amanda Wright)

Tuesday ~ January 25th

~ **The conversion of St. Paul the Apostle ~**

8:00 am +Rosanne Guarasci (by Rosetta)
+Gilbert Moore

(by Linda Middleton and Kevin McNamara)

Wednesday ~ St. Timothy & St. Titus ~... January 26th

8:00 am +Victor Nardangeli (by Lea & Family)
+Pietro & Giuseppina Pizzacalla
(by Pizzacalla Children)

Thursday ~ January 27th

8:00 am +Luisa Minicucci (by Phyllis & Michael Sergnese)
+Rocky DiRaddo (by Patricia Keighan)

Friday ~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~ January 28th

8:00 am +Angelo Palumbi (by Cathy & Pat)
+Maria Mariani (by Anna DeDivitiis)

Saturday ~ January 29th

8:00 am +Anne DeRose (by Bernie)
+John & Maria Continelli (by daughter Carmela)
5:00 pm +Jamie Ciancio (by Angelo & Angiolina Gabriele)
+Ann Marie Gallagher (by Jackie & Family)

Sunday ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 30th

8:00 am +♥The People of Holy Rosary Parish
9:30 am +Mario D'Alessandro (by John Perri)
11:00 am +Jamie Ciancio (by Catechist Sisters)
+Anna Caperchione (by Catechist Sisters)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Diocesan and Parish Offices will be closed to visitors due to the rapid spread of new COVID-19 variants. To request a Mass Card, please call the Parish Office and leave a message. Your call will be returned and the Mass Card may be picked up on Friday.

MASS TIMES: Mass celebration times and attendance capacity have not been affected by the COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Provincial Government on January 4. Masses will continue to be celebrated as scheduled. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 is to assume they are infected and follow provincial health directives – please do not attend Mass. Protocols for mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing still apply.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED: In keeping with new Provincial and Diocesan protocols, the Bible Study sessions that have been taking place on Tuesday evenings have been cancelled until further notice due to the rapid spread of new COVID-19 variants.

The Bible is an important part of our Catholic faith. These writings were composed by human authors under divine guidance. They communicate the truth not about science or history, but our relationship with God. For this reason, the Bible can be easily misunderstood. As Jesus indicates in today's Gospel, when properly interpreted these writings can reveal how God's plan is being fulfilled in our presence.

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week's Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of Jean Tassone. The Sanctuary lamp is lit to remind us of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

SYNOD 2021-2023, Journeying Together: Every voice is important and everyone is invited to participate in the Synod. You can sign up for a parish discussion group or form your own group. We want to hear from young and old, working and retired and unemployed people, students, active and inactive Catholics; single, married, separated, divorced and widowed Catholics; prayer groups and Bible study groups; ethnic and cultural and special interest groups, marginalized and socially excluded individuals, etc. Pope Francis, in his Opening Address for the Synod said, "It is important that the Synodal process be exactly this: a process of becoming, a process that involves the local Churches, in different phases and from the bottom up, in an exciting and engaging effort that can forge a style of communion and participation directed to mission."

OUR CONDOLENCES: Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family and friends who mourn the loss of Amerina DeGasperis. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: "In the midst of pandemic there is hope for God that is more powerful than any disease". The BLD (OSG) Covenant Community invites you to join their six week Virtual Life in the Spirit Seminar taking place on Fridays starting February 4 and ending March 18, 2022 (except March 4). Visit www.bldstcatharines.org to register.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY: The next session (virtual) will take place January 24, 2022 on the topic: "Overcoming Loneliness". For information or to register, call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com.

**3ª DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (C)
23 Gennaio 2022**

Siamo invitati oggi alla coerenza, cioè a vivere concretamente, nella nostra vita quotidiana, ciò che ascoltiamo nella Parola di Dio e quello che diciamo di credere.

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SANTA MESSA IL PRIMO VENERDÌ DEL MESE . .
4 Febbraio 2022 alle ore 6:30 pm. Tutti e i devoti del Sacro Cuore siete invitati.

SINODO 2021-2023, IN CAMMINO INSIEME:

Sinodo è una parola greca che significa viaggiare insieme. Il Sinodo sulla Sinodalità 2021-2023, convocato dal Nostro Santo Padre Papa Francesco, inizia soffermandosi sulle questioni di chi nella nostra Chiesa locale cammina insieme. Chi è incluso o escluso? In che modo come Chiesa sinodale camminiamo insieme oggi? Il Sinodo è un'occasione di ascolto reciproco, di condivisione delle nostre esperienze con coraggio e apertura come compagni di cammino. Si formeranno piccoli gruppi per focalizzare il nostro cammino insieme ai temi fondamentali della comunione, della partecipazione e della missione. Le discussioni inizieranno a livello parrocchiale (febbraio e marzo 2021), quindi si sposteranno a livello diocesano, regionale (Ontario) e nazionale, portando infine al nostro Santo Padre Papa Francesco e al Sinodo (mondiale) dei Vescovi nel 2023.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

	December 2021	December 2020
Income	\$42,352.59	\$38,746.70
Expenses	26,652.62	26,046.84

- For December 2021 and December 2020 capacity restrictions for Mass attendance (to allow for physical distancing) were in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In December 2021, we received \$2,789.44 from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy program. (Amount included in December 2021 income)
- Utility expenses (gas and hydro) were higher in December 2021 due to rate increases.

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generosity!

RETROUVAILLE Marriage Support: Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille Weekend is March 11- 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com .

A Right to Justice

Jesus stood up in his home town and announced his program: to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. It may not sound particularly religious to some, but it was a program established by one who had returned to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit.”

Sunday’s liturgy juxtaposes the story of Jesus reading in the Synagogue with the story of Ezra reading the law to people upon their return from exile. The suggestion is that Jesus’ program is a kind of law, a rule that should govern our lives. Bringing good news to the poor, liberating people from all their oppressions, this is not some optional activity that one can engage in only if one is inclined. It is “the law of the Lord,” it is the program for which we have all been anointed.

The unity and peace we pray for at the beginning of Mass will only come if Jesus’ followers accept his program as their own.

In his plan of salvation. God gave Israel its law. ... Of this collection of laws, love of God above all things and of neighbor as oneself already constitute the center. But the justice which must govern relations between people, and the law which is its juridical expression, also belong to the sum and substance of the Biblical law. ... It is in this context that one should appreciate the Biblical law’s care for the poor, the needy, the widow and the orphan: They have a right to justice according to the juridical ordinances of the people of God.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
[Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation](#), 1986: 45

Gerald Darring

https://liturgy.sluhostedsites.org/3OrdC012322/reflections_justice.html

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (Jan 18-25):

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians from around the world pray for the unity of the Church. This year’s materials and worship service are based on the theme: “*We saw his star in the East, and we came to worship him.*” The selection of Scripture and Liturgical texts is inspired by the visit of the Magi to the new-born King, as described in Matthew 2:1-12. <https://www.weekofprayer.ca>

O Lord God our Father, you sent the star to lead the Magi to your only begotten Son.

Increase our hope in you and let us know at all times that you are walking with us, watching over your people.

Teach us to follow the guidance of your Holy Spirit, however strange the path may seem, so that we may be led to our unity in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Open our eyes to your Spirit, and encourage us in our faith, so that we may confess that Jesus is Lord, and worship and rejoice in him as the Magi did in Bethlehem.

Amen.